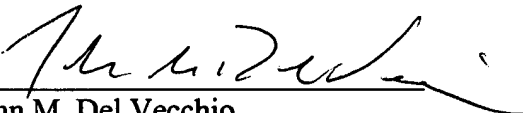


2. Applicant elects the first set of claims for examination at this time, that is, claims 9, 10, and 15.
3. Applicant respectfully requests favorable action on this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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